

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region**

**Executive Officer's Report
Dennis A. Dickerson, Executive Officer**

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GROUNDWATER DIVISION

ENFORCEMENT & GROUNDWATER PERMITTING

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to PAKTANK Corporation

Rafael Maestu

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to PAKTANK Corporation for exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limit for Oil & Grease by 60%. The wastes flow to Dominguez Channel, Paktank waived the right to a hearing and paid the penalty in full

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to Hermetic Seal Corporation

Rafael Maestu

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to Hermetic Seal Corporation for exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limits on February 2, 2000. On March 19, 2001 Hermetic Seal Corporation waived the right to a hearing and will, in lieu of the minimum penalty develop a pollution prevention plan or conduct a supplemental environmental project.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to W-B Limited

Dionisia Rodriguez

On March 9, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint against W-B Limited for violation of its Waste Discharge Requirements. On March 22, 2001, W-B Limited submitted a waiver for the right to a hearing and will, in lieu of the minimum penalty develop a pollution prevention plan or conduct a supplemental environmental project.

Administrative Civil Liability issued to Chuck's Auto Parts and Salvage and Chuck's Auto Parts and Salvage

Dionisia Rodriguez

On February 9, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, against Chuck's Auto Parts and Salvage and Chuck's Auto Parts and Salvage for non-submittal of an annual report in violation of State Water Resources Control Board Order 97-03-DWQ and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS000001. On March 31, 2001 the waiver of hearing for Chuck Davis d.b.a. Chuck's Auto Parts and Salvage was submitted and the discharger will commit 50% of the assessed penalty to conduct a supplemental environmental project.

Administrative Civil Liability issued to Skipower Plating Works, Inc.

Dionisia Rodriguez

On February 13, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, against Skipower Plating Works, Inc. for non-submittal of an annual report in violation of State Water Resources Control Board Order 97-03-DWQ and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS000001. On March 29, 2001, Skipower Plating Works, Inc. has committed to 50% of the assessed penalty to conduct a supplemental environmental project.

Administrative Civil Liability issued to DT Jordan d.b.a. Spencer Die Casting Co.

Dionisia Rodriguez

On February 13, 2001, The Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability against DT Jordan d.b.a. Spencer Die Casting Co. for non-submittal of an annual report in violation of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 97-03-DWQ and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS000001. On March 5, 2001, the administrative civil liability complaint was heard before a Hearing Panel. The Panel's findings of fact and conclusions of law were presented to the Regional Board at a public hearing/meeting held on March 29, 2001. The Regional Board modified the imposition of the administrative civil liability and directed the payment of a modified penalty.

City of San Buena Ventura

Sam Unger

A revised ACL was issued to the City of San Buena Ventura for violating Order No. 95-074 (NPDES Permit No. CA0053651) and the California Water Code Section 13376. The city discharged raw sewage and secondary treated effluent from the Ventura Water Renovation Facility and the plant's sewage collection system into Ventura Harbor and its tributaries on more than eight days. Additionally, the City is alleged to have discharged approximately 495,000,000 gallons of final treated wastewater exceeding effluent limitations for coliform and turbidity from the plant into the Santa Clara River Estuary on sixty-six days. The City submitted a check for 25% of the penalty and have committed the remaining 75% of the assessed penalty towards a supplemental environmental project.

Halaco Engineering Incorporated

Rick Vergets

On April 7, 2001, a magnesium fire ignited at Halaco Engineering Incorporated, a site that operates under Order No. 80-58. Halaco recycles low-grade aluminum and magnesium foundry waste and scrap aluminum and magnesium. The recycled metals are poured into molds or ingots and stored on site. Halaco had stored recycled magnesium outdoors and it was exposed to rainfall, and ignited. The fire department extinguished the fire.

General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Pictsweet Ventura Mushroom Farm

Gary Schultz

United Foods, Incorporated, operates the Pictsweet Ventura Mushroom Farm (Pictsweet). Board staff, after reviewing the current Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) (adopted on June 22, 1987) and inspecting the facility, identified changes to the facility operations and requested Pictsweet to file a Report of Waste Discharge for renewal of the waste discharge requirements. Pictsweet filed a report of waste discharge and applied for renewal of its WDRs for discharge of wastes to surface impoundments (ponds).

Tentative (WDR) for Pictsweet were presented to the Board at the February 22, 2001 Board meeting. The WDR package included a Change Sheet which stipulated that the effective date of the WDR be 45 days from the adoption date (February 22, 2001). This was to enable Pictsweet time to achieve compliance with the new provisions of the tentative WDR. The Board tabled the item and requested that Board staff reschedule the item for the April 26, 2001, Board meeting and include a tentative Time Schedule Order (TSO) to accompany the tentative WDR.

Though a tentative TSO has been prepared, Pictsweet has requested that the tentative WDR and TSO be continued for the May 24, 2001, Board meeting.

Board staff was also involved with the facility when on March 16, 2001, Pictsweet experienced a smoldering fire in the compost piles on site. Though not a conflagration, it was serious enough that Ventura County Fire Department was involved. On March 16, Board staff met with the VCFD and other agencies on site and agreed to a plan which involved moving compost to adjacent agricultural fields, testing, and where appropriate, discing into the soil. This plan precluded the excessive use of water, which could have transported contaminants to the Santa Clara River.

General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) - Acton

Kwang-il Lee

Acton is a rural community in northeastern Los Angeles County. Several tract developments for residential houses in the Acton area submitted Reports of Waste Discharge.

At the March 29, 2001 Board meeting, the Regional Board staff presented an information item to update the Board regarding the Executive Officer's intention to enroll dischargers in the General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for private subsurface sewage discharges from single residential housing developments in the Acton Area. The Board adopted General WDR permit (Order No. 91-94) for discharges for private subsurface disposal systems. Board staff believes that the general WDR is an appropriate regulatory mechanism for the proposed residential housing projects in Acton. An individual WDR is not considered to be an appropriate option for the subject discharge at this time. However, some parcels within the tracts may not qualify due to site specific soil conditions. The developers, in these instances, will be required to provide a geological engineering certification for the tracts or to provide sewer connection lines and package treatment, where appropriate.

Regional Board staff in a letter dated March 9, 2001, requested technical reports from all the dischargers proposing private subsurface disposal systems in tracts in the Acton area. Subsequently, Forecast Developers submitted reports for 7 proposed tracts. The reports that were received by Regional Board staff on March 29, 2001, are currently under review.

Notices Of Violation - NPDES Discharge Monitoring Reports

Enforcement Staff

The Executive Officer issued Notices of Violation and Requirements to Submit information to 13 facilities for failing to comply with provisions of Waste Discharge Requirements included as part of their NPDES Permits. Enforcement staff identified these violations as part of the NPDES discharger monitoring report review process.

Self Monitoring Reports

Enforcement Staff

In March 2001, staff reviewed a total of 216 Self-Monitoring Reports submitted by NPDES permit holders. In accordance with the requirements of their NPDES permits.

NPDES Facility Inspections

Jesus Plasencia and Jose Morales

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspectors conducted level B1 inspections of 33 facilities with NPDES Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program. A list of facilities inspected is shown as attachment ["A"](#).

STORM WATER PROGRAM

Industrial - Delinquent Annual Reports

Yi Lu

Under the General Permit for Industrial Activities, permittees must submit annual reports by July 1st of each year. Of the 2,800 permittees in Region 4, annual report delinquencies totaled 58 (14 and 44 for reporting period 1998/99 and 1999/00, respectively), as of March 31st. Follow-up enforcement of these 58 delinquencies was slowed due to detailed review of each delinquent case. This review process revealed many problems, such as permittees who could not be located, informal enforcement letters which were not correctly addressed and/or certified during mass mailings of level 1 and level 2 informal enforcement letters. Our review of the 58 delinquencies, which was completed in mid-March, showed that 5 permittees had already submitted their annual reports (and no action is needed), and that 31 permittees were indeed delinquent - these 31 cases (6 for fiscal year 1998/99 and 25 for fiscal year 1999/00) were transferred to the Enforcement Unit for formal processing. For the remaining 22 delinquencies, staff could not locate legal owners or operators - these cases have been administratively terminated from coverage under the General Permit.

Industrial - Non-Filers Project In The City Of LA

Johnny Pan

During this current fiscal year, staffs' workplan includes a commitment to follow up on 204 potential non-filers in a four-square mile industrialized area of the City of Los Angeles. Since October 2000, staff has been contacting these potential permittees through outreach letters and informal enforcement. As of March 31, 2001, the status of these 204 potential non-filers is as follows:

- 37 -Already in the General Permit or subsequently enrolled into the General Permit
- 57 -Have filed NNAs (Notices of Non-applicability), which are being reviewed
- 29 -Could not be contacted (letters were returned by the Postal Office)
- 7 -Are in violation of NOVs providing a final 30 days to come into compliance (cases

have been referred to Enforcement for ACLs)
74 -Informal enforcement is in process
22 -NOVs issued
52 -Level 1 notices already issued; NOV issuance now in process
204 **Total**

Industrial - Group Monitoring

Wendy Phillips

The State's General Permit for Storm Water Runoff from Industrial Activities provides for "group" monitoring by members of an industrial sector, provided that such members have similar industrial activities and similar site characteristics. As the State and Regional Boards did not want to preclude better and more cost-effective monitoring, when adopting this General Permit in 1997, the permit allows for reduced sampling frequency for group members (2 storm water sampling events every five years for group members, versus 2 sampling events every year for non-group members).

Region 4 has recently terminated group privileges for several permittees participating in group monitoring programs. Also, in response to concerns regarding the effectiveness of group monitoring, the State Board has sent warning letters to 34 group leaders, advising them of their group monitoring responsibilities. State Board has also scheduled a group monitoring workshop on May 30th, 10am, at the CAL/EPA Building, 2nd Floor, Coastal Valley Room, in Sacramento. Please call Leo Cosentini at (916) 341-5524 for details.

Construction- Modifications to Water Quality Order 99-08-DWQ, General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity

Ejigu Solomon

State Board staff is working on modifications to increase monitoring requirements under the General Construction Permit. These modifications are needed to comply with a judgment in the case of San Francisco BayKeeper, et al. V. State Water Resources Control Board.

On April 4, 2001, the State Board held a workshop, at which Board Members directed staff to:

- ? add a requirement that storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) include a sampling and analysis strategy and schedule for discharges from construction activity which directly discharge into waters on a 303d list;
- ? add a requirement for a sampling and analysis program for pollutants that are not visually detectable in storm water discharges and are known to occur on construction sites, and which could cause an exceedance of water quality objectives in the receiving water; and
- ? distribute a 303d list to the regulated community.

The State Board is expected to rule that these requirements will become effective 90 days from adoption (scheduled for late April) and to form a work group with representatives of the regulated community to prepare a guidance document. For any questions, please call Kathleen Groody at (916) 657-0520.

Construction and Industrial - Inspection Summary

Wendy Phillips

The pace of inspections picked up during March, toward the end of the wet season. As of March 31st, staff completed 674 inspections of industrial facilities and construction sites. This includes 377 compliance inspections, which is 85% of the target in the 2000/01 workplan, as shown:

	Compliance Inspections					YTD Total (% Target)	Target for 2000/01
	Jul 1 st through Dec 31 st	Jan	Feb	Mar			
Construction	52	18	41	66	177 (75%)	235	
Industrial	25	70	28	77	200 (96%)	208	
<u>Total</u>	77	88	69	143	377 (85%)	443	

In addition to the 377 compliance inspections, staff completed 307 other types of inspections, such as NOT (Notice of Termination) inspections, complaint inspections, and follow-up enforcement inspections. These other types of inspections are typically less time intensive than compliance inspections; e.g. an NOT inspection - with the purpose of verifying conditions for processing applications for Notices of Termination - does not typically require the extensive amount of time needed to complete a compliance inspection, during which an inspector will review a SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan) and evaluate the effectiveness of a facilities best management practices.

Municipal - Violations of the County of Los Angeles Storm Water Permit

Wendy Phillips

The municipal permit for municipalities in the County of Los Angeles require implementation of storm water management programs, such as development planning and construction, public information, and elimination of illicit discharges and connections. Based on a review of the 1999/00 annual report, many of the municipalities have failed to comply with all of these requirements, and staff has recently issued Notices of Violations to nine municipalities. Over the next month, staff will be meeting with these cities to consider evidence they may wish to submit contesting these violations, before recommending formal action.

Municipal - Caltrans Infiltration BMP Criteria

Mohammad Zaidi

Board staff assisted Caltrans in development of criteria for the selection, siting, and design of infiltration Best Management Practices (BMPs). A meeting was held on March 14 in Huntington Beach to discuss a preliminary draft with representatives of the San Diego Regional Board, environmental groups, and Caltrans District staff. Regional Board Staff is currently reviewing the proposed guidance and it should be ready by the end of April. A final document is expected before summer. Caltrans expects to install two pilot Infiltration BMPs to treat highway runoff in the Los Angeles Region.

Municipal - Southern California Cooperative Storm Water Monitoring Program

Xavier Swamikannu

Executive Officers from the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Board, signed Cooperative Agreement No. D99-072 with the Counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, the City of Long Beach, and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, on February 8, 2001. The purpose of the agreement is to support and develop methodologies and assessment tools to better understand storm water and urban runoff impacts to receiving waters in Southern California. The initial task of the program will be to develop and prioritize a research agenda, which will then be carried out through subsequent research implementation agreements.

REMEDIATION

Status Report of the San Fernando Valley Chromium VI Investigation

Dixon Oriola

Regional Board staff has received 138 completed Chromium VI chemical use questionnaires from a mass mail-out of 172 since a general extension was granted to January 5, 2001. Site inspections have been completed at 49 of the 138 facilities to date. Twenty-nine (29) Notices of Violation (NOVs) were sent out on March 9, 2001 to companies that did not respond to past chemical use questionnaires. Regional Board staffs have identified 20 more property owners from the remaining 78 suspected Chromium VI sites yet to be notified.

The Office of Senator Barbara Boxer made a request for Chromium VI GIS map products. The maps were provided to the senator in support of U.S. Senate Bill 698, which was introduced by Senators Barbara Boxer (D-California) and Harry Reid (D-Nevada). This legislation is intended to establish a federal standard for Chromium VI in drinking water.

Chromium 6 Detected in Dry Well on the Former Lockheed Martin Site

Alex Carlos

On April 2, 2001, Regional Board staff visited the former Lockheed Martin's B-1 site in Burbank to witness the decommissioning of a dry well where chromium 6 has been detected. In attendance were representatives of Lockheed Martin, their consultants Earth Tech and a drilling contractor personnel. Additional analytical results from the soil sampling performed are pending.

Site Cleanup I Unit

Los Angeles to Pasadena Blue Line Project

Steven Hariri

The Los Angeles to Pasadena Blue Line Project Phase I is approximately 13.7 miles long and runs from Los Angeles to Pasadena. The second phase of the project will extend 24 miles from Pasadena to Claremont. There are six stations in Los Angeles, one in South Pasadena and six in Pasadena. The Authority has adopted a July 1, 2003 opening date for Phase I of the project.

A meeting was held with the Blue Line construction Authority, Regional Board Executive Officer and Regional Board Staff on Monday April 2, 2001. The topics of discussion included, the environmental survey of the route, review of investigation and remediation reports, stormwater permit, NPDES permit, and general management of the project. The project is currently being handled by the Cost Recovery Program.

Site Cleanup II Unit

Oil Refinery Progress Reports

Paul Cho

In March 2001, letters were sent to the eleven major refineries under the Regional Board's jurisdiction (Mobil Torrance Refinery, Chevron El Segundo Refinery, Arco Los Angeles Refinery, Equilon Carson Terminal, Equilon Los Angeles Refinery, Edington Oil Refinery, Tosco Los Angeles Refinery, Ultramar Refinery, Powerine Oil Refinery, Paramount Refinery, and Tosco Carson Refinery) requiring them to submit an update of their progress toward fulfilling the provisions of Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. 85-017, issued to them on February 25, 1985, and revisions to that Order. Specifically, the following information was required:

1. Free product plume map and description of current remediation measures;
2. Dissolved plume map and description of current remediation and containment measures;
3. Current groundwater monitoring program;
4. Tabulation of the most recent groundwater quality data;
5. Status of soil characterization and current/historic remediation measures;
6. Status of their source elimination program;
7. Time schedule for site cleanup activities; and
8. Human health risk assessment performed and related documents.

This information will be reviewed by Regional Board staff, and a determination will be made if the existing CAOs should be revised.

Country Hills Shopping Center, Torrance - Watt Family Properties

Blythe Ponak-Bacharowski

Watt Family Properties was required to submit a final subsurface investigation report by October 31, 2000, detailing the results of the investigation to determine the source and extent of low pH found and concrete spalling observed in an underground utility vault located at a Ralph's Market within the shopping center during September 2000. The report was not received until January 24, 2001.

Regional Board staff reviewed the report and found that it contained many deficiencies that were described in a February 21, 2001, Regional Board staff letter to Watt Family Properties. A revised report was required and received on April 9, 2001. Staff has reviewed the report and is making necessary comments.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Investigation Area

Dr. Weixing Tong

At present, there are 26 active sites in the Charnock Sub-Basin. Of the 26 active sites, there are 12 sites where additional site assessment work is required. Groundwater monitoring is being performed at all the sites. Remedial action workplans for the soil and/or groundwater have been approved for a total of ten sites. One additional site has a cleanup workplan under review.

On the Charnock regional issues, Regional Board and Shell have entered into a Stipulated Agreement containing a specified Scope of Work to perform regional investigation and analysis of alternatives for both Interim Water Replacement and Interim Regional Response Actions. The Regional Board members at the August 31, 2000 meeting approved the Stipulated Agreement. As part of this investigation, a number of groundwater monitoring wells will be installed in the Upper Silverado Aquifer to determine the plume source and characteristics and perform periodic groundwater monitoring. This work will require development of a basin-wide flow model, develop a GIS database, evaluate alternate drinking water sources within the Charnock Sub-Basin, evaluate methods of treating polluted groundwater and restoring the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area to its full beneficial use, and provide a community relations plan. The work specified in the SOW is a necessary step to restore the drinking water supply at the Charnock Wellfields. Currently, fieldwork is ongoing, and nineteen regional wells have been completed to date. Shell submitted preliminary basin-wide groundwater flow model in January 2001 and the model is currently under review by the Agencies. All 26 sites in the Charnock Sub-Basin have been required to submit the site-specific water quality data for construction of GIS database. As of March 26, 2001, 18 sites have submitted the data and 8 sites are either under preparation or will be directed to meet the requirement. Regional Board and USEPA (Agencies) have also established an inquiry hotline in response to the community concerns regarding the drilling and sampling activities required by the agencies. So far several dozen phone calls have been received by the hotline for inquiries.

On December 11, 2000, the Regional Board issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order CAO-00-160 to Chevron U.S.A. Incorporated, Thrifty Oil Co, and Best California Gas Ltd. (Chevron/Thrifty/Best) for PRP Site No. 23 (former Chevron/Thrifty No. 247). The Order requires Chevron/Thrifty/Best to perform supplemental hydrogeologic investigations onsite and offsite between the site and the Charnock Wellfield, and to complete onsite and offsite soil and groundwater cleanup on a timely basis per the schedule set forth in the Order. On January 8, 2001, Chevron/Thrifty/Best initiated the field excavation activities in the fuel dispenser area of the former station. Contaminated soil from an area of 60 feet by 40 feet square and 20 feet deep has been excavated and disposed offsite. Three underground storage tanks were removed during March 2001. Chevron/Thrifty/Best is currently installing 14 offsite groundwater monitoring well clusters between the site and the Charnock Wellfield and conducting onsite and offsite soil and groundwater remediation on a timely basis per the schedule set forth in the order.

Arcadia Wellfield MTBE Investigation

Jay Huang

Three aquifers were impacted by MTBE contamination. Two groundwater aquifers, the shallow aquifer and the production aquifer are located north of the Brentwood fault; the lower aquifer is located south of the fault. The shallow aquifer and lower aquifer in the vicinity of the former Mobil Station 18-LDM have been treated with a pump and treat system since October 1997. Currently approximately 26 gallons per minute (GPM) of groundwater are being pumped from 17 groundwater extraction wells of the shallow and lower aquifers and treated at the Mobil facility. To date (March 15, 2001) the treatment system has pumped 18.9 million gallons of groundwater and removed an estimated amount of 77.2 pounds of TPH and 205.6 pounds of MTBE. The average MTBE concentration in the shallow aquifer influent has been decreased from over 2,000 ug/L in 1998 to 180 ug/L in February 2001. The impacted soil in the vadose zone has been treated with a vapor extraction system (VES). The cumulative VOC mass removed is 12,084 pounds since May 1999.

A Production Aquifer Remediation System (PARS) using activated carbon filtering to clean up the production aquifer has been in operation since May 17, 2000. Currently groundwater from Arcadia Well No. 5 is being pumped at 300 GPM and discharged to a storm drain. To date (March 15, 2001), the PARS has pumped approximately 93.8 million gallons of groundwater and removed 0.45 pounds of MTBE. The average daily influent concentration of MTBE was down to 0.2 ug/L.

A spiking demonstration test designed to further evaluate system reliability and effectiveness has been conducted for 45 days since November 7, 2000. MTBE up to 200 mg/L has been spiked for 45 days and TBA up to 50 mg/L has been spiked along with MTBE for seven days. The spiking test has been successfully completed and ended on December 22, 2000. Mobil is preparing to submit a report summarizing the result of spiking demonstration test to California Department of Health Service in April 2001. The PARS was turned off during February for carbon replacement. Pumping was resumed during March 2001. After the PARS has been permitted to operate by the State Department of Health Services, the treated water from Arcadia Well No. 5 will be routed to Santa Monica treatment plant for distribution to the public.

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking UST's for the time of March 5, 2001, through April 6, 2001, and determined that no further corrective actions are required:

Tosco Marketing Company Service Station No. 5041, Hacienda Heights (I-05525)
Shell Oil Company Service Station No. 204-0108-0708, Alhambra (I-09006)
Amar Property, Long Beach (908050398)
Mobil Oil Company Service Station No. 18-FO3, Cerritos (I-06356)
Seagull Sanitation, Avalon (R-26739)

SURFACE WATER DIVISION

WATERSHED REGULATORY

Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Update - NPDES No. CA0064351, Order No. 99-143, CI-8084

Thizar Tintut-Williams

ACTA submitted draft reports for the Current Tracer Study, Chelex-100 Validation Study and Chelate Stability Study on February 14, 2001, to the Oversight Committee members for their comments. The final reports were submitted to the Regional Board Office on February 28, 2001. Comments from the peer reviewers were received on the final reports. ACTA also submitted the Offset Dredging Work Plan, and it is under review. The next Oversight Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2001.

Quarterly Report of Violations and Enforcement Actions

Al Novak

The quarterly report of violations and enforcement actions for January-March 2001 will be delayed due to implementation of an updated computer tracking system required by the State Board.

General Permitting Activity

Augustine Anijielo

General Permit enrollments, revisions, and recessions for the month of March 2001 are shown as attachment "[B](#)". The dischargers are listed by general permit type, then facility name.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

ENERGY CRISIS

Tony Rizk

In response to the energy crisis, the State Board, in coordination with the Regional Boards, formed an energy team to support Governor Davis's effort to solve the energy crisis. The Los Angeles Regional Board has been a leading partner in this effort. The Team continues to track and comment on proposed legislative bills on the energy crisis. Staff is working with the California Energy Commission to expedite the approval of the modernization and increased generation capacity of the El Segundo power plant from 630 MW to 910 MW.

For more information, please contact Tony Rizk at 213-576-6756.

Standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

UPCOMING PLANNING ISSUES

Renee DeShazo

A special Board meeting will be held on May 31, 2001, at the Richard H. Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals Building in Pasadena to address three important planning issues:

- ? Basin Planning Triennial Review Public Hearing
- ? Discussion of Upcoming Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) Listing
- ? Workshop to Review the Status of POTW's Compliance with the Inland Surface Water Ammonia Objectives.

Basin Plan Triennial Review

The Basin Plan is designed to preserve and enhance water quality and protect the beneficial uses of all regional waters. Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and ground waters, sets narrative and numeric objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the beneficial uses and conform to the State's antidegradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Region.

The California Water Code (§13240) and the federal Clean Water Act (§303(c)) direct the Regional Board to periodically review and update, as necessary, the Basin Plan. For the 2001 Triennial Review, a letter was sent to approximately 1,000 interested parties in fall 2000, providing notification of the upcoming review. The notice was also posted on our website, and public notices were printed in several newspapers. Three public workshops were held in fall 2000 to solicit public comments on Basin Planning priorities. Based on comments made at these workshops and our comprehensive review of the Basin Plan, staff has prepared a draft list of basin planning priorities, which will be mailed out under separate cover.

Background on 305(b) Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies

The second item will be a brief discussion of our upcoming 2002 Water Quality Assessment and update of the 303(d) list of water quality limited segments (WQLS) (i.e., impaired waters). The federal Clean Water Act requires this report (Section 305(b)) and list (Section 303(d)) to be prepared every two years. Staff has begun soliciting data as part of these related efforts and will describe to the Regional Board the process for developing the 305(b) report and 303(d) list, and answer questions of the Board and public. Included in this discussion will be a presentation of past assessment guidelines, which we will review and revise, if necessary, taking into consideration public comments.

Background on POTWs' Compliance with Basin Plan Ammonia Objectives

The third item will be a continued discussion of the status of Publicly owned Treatment Works' (POTWs) compliance with the Basin Plan inland surface water ammonia objectives. POTWs were given eight years from the adoption of the Basin Plan in 1994 to comply with effluent limits based on these objectives. Because the deadline is less than 1½ years away and this issue will arise during upcoming permit renewals, staff felt the Regional Board should be made aware of the current situation and staff's proposal for addressing non-compliance with the Basin

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Open Space Planning Meeting

Jon Bishop

Staff participated in the first strategic planning meeting for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's open space plan. The conservancy is in the process of clarifying its goals and objectives. Staff will continue to participate in this important planning process. For more information, please contact Jon Bishop at 213-576-6622.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Calleguas Creek Watershed

The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Committee was convened in 1996 to initiate development of a comprehensive watershed management plan. A large group of stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, landowners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are represented. An Executive Steering Committee, consisting of a much smaller group of stakeholders, guides the day-to-day activities of the watershed group. Subcommittees have changed through time but currently target Water Resources/Water Quality, Flood Protection and Sediment Management, Habitat/Open Space/Recreation, Land Use, and Public Outreach/Education. Subcommittees generally meet monthly or bimonthly. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees can be found at <http://www.calleguas.com/cc.htm>

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee has not met recently as a group but is greatly involved in TMDL work in the watershed. Clean Water Act 205(j) monies have funded an evaluation of nonpoint source contributions with the goal of developing nutrient loadings. A public review draft of the Calleguas Creek Nutrient TMDLs report can be found at <http://www.calleguas.com/>

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee last met on April 9. They are currently involved

with modeling the watershed's hydrology as well as erosion and sedimentation.

Land Use Subcommittee includes representatives from local planning agencies. This subcommittee last met on March 6.

The Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee met on March 6 and continues work on a wetlands study which includes a habitat mapping component. The consultant working on this presented preliminary results of the habitat mapping. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for May 1.

Los Angeles River Watershed

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Watershed Council is a consortium of government agencies, community and environmental groups, business and academia who organized both to resolve and prevent problems in the watershed in a cooperative, collaborative manner.

Formation of the Watershed Council grew out of a conference held in 1995 to discuss how to initiate and/or implement watershed management objectives in the greater Los Angeles Area. Stakeholders in attendance agreed to continue meeting and begin a multi-purpose cooperative watershed management process that is open to the public. The Council's website is at <http://www.lasgriverswatershed.org/>.

The Friends of the LA River has a Los Angeles River e-mail discussion forum. To subscribe, e-mail to la-river-discuss-subscribe@makelist.com. To view archives of past Los Angeles River discussions on the Internet, go to <http://www.egroups.com/list/la-river-discuss>

San Gabriel River Watershed

A "State of the Watershed" report is available for the San Gabriel River Watershed which was prepared by Regional Board staff in 2000. The report describes the watershed, with its many diversion structures and recharge areas, and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. Hardcopies of the report are also available.

The Friends of the San Gabriel River is an active stakeholder in the watershed and their website is at <http://www.sangabrielriver.org/>.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area - Malibu Creek Watershed

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WATERSHED REGULATORY

Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Update - NPDES No. CA0064351, Order No. 99-143, CI-8084

Thizar Tintut-Williams

ACTA submitted draft reports for the Current Tracer Study, Chelex-100 Validation Study and Chelate Stability Study on February 14, 2001, to the Oversight Committee members for their comments. The final reports were submitted to the Regional Board Office on February 28, 2001.

Comments from the peer reviewers were received on the final reports. ACTA also submitted the Offset Dredging Work Plan, and it is under review. The next Oversight Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2001.

Quarterly Report of Violations and Enforcement Actions

Al Novak

The quarterly report of violations and enforcement actions for January-March 2001 will be delayed due to implementation of an updated computer tracking system required by the State Board.

General Permitting Activity

Augustine Anijelo

General Permit enrollments, revisions, and recessions for the month of March 2001 are shown as attachment "[B](#)". The dischargers are listed by general permit type, then facility name.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

ENERGY CRISIS

Tony Rizk

In response to the energy crisis, the State Board, in coordination with the Regional Boards, formed an energy team to support Governor Davis's effort to solve the energy crisis. The Los Angeles Regional Board has been a leading partner in this effort. The Team continues to track and comment on proposed legislative bills on the energy crisis. Staff is working with the California Energy Commission to expedite the approval of the modernization and increased generation capacity of the El Segundo power plant from 630 MW to 910 MW.

For more information, please contact Tony Rizk at 213-576-6756.

Standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

UPCOMING PLANNING ISSUES

Renee DeShazo

A special Board meeting will be held on May 31, 2001, at the Richard H. Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals Building in Pasadena to address three important planning issues:

- ? Basin Planning Triennial Review Public Hearing
- ? Discussion of Upcoming Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) Listing
- ? Workshop to Review the Status of POTW's Compliance with the Inland Surface Water Ammonia Objectives.

Basin Plan Triennial Review

The Basin Plan is designed to preserve and enhance water quality and protect the beneficial uses

of all regional waters. Specifically, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for surface and ground waters, sets narrative and numeric objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the beneficial uses and conform to the State's antidegradation policy, and describes implementation programs to protect all waters in the Region.

The California Water Code (§13240) and the federal Clean Water Act (§303(c)) direct the Regional Board to periodically review and update, as necessary, the Basin Plan. For the 2001 Triennial Review, a letter was sent to approximately 1,000 interested parties in fall 2000, providing notification of the upcoming review. The notice was also posted on our website, and public notices were printed in several newspapers. Three public workshops were held in fall 2000 to solicit public comments on Basin Planning priorities. Based on comments made at these workshops and our comprehensive review of the Basin Plan, staff has prepared a draft list of basin planning priorities, which will be mailed out under separate cover.

Background on 305(b) Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies

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Background on POTWs' Compliance with Basin Plan Ammonia Objectives

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The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Open Space Planning Meeting

Jon Bishop

Staff participated in the first strategic planning meeting for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's open space plan. The conservancy is in the process of clarifying its goals and objectives. Staff will continue to participate in this important planning process. For more information, please contact Jon Bishop at 213-576-6622.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Calleguas Creek Watershed

The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Committee was convened in 1996 to initiate development of a comprehensive watershed management plan. A large group of stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, landowners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations

are represented. An Executive Steering Committee, consisting of a much smaller group of stakeholders, guides the day-to-day activities of the watershed group. Subcommittees have changed through time but currently target Water Resources/Water Quality, Flood Protection and Sediment Management, Habitat/Open Space/Recreation, Land Use, and Public Outreach/Education. Subcommittees generally meet monthly or bimonthly. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees can be found at <http://www.calleguas.com/cc.htm>

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee has not met recently as a group but is greatly involved in TMDL work in the watershed. Clean Water Act 205(j) monies have funded an evaluation of nonpoint source contributions with the goal of developing nutrient loadings. A public review draft of the Calleguas Creek Nutrient TMDLs report can be found at <http://www.calleguas.com/>

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee last met on April 9. They are currently involved with modeling the watershed's hydrology as well as erosion and sedimentation.

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Los Angeles River Watershed

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Watershed Council is a consortium of government agencies, community and environmental groups, business and academia who organized both to resolve and prevent problems in the watershed in a cooperative, collaborative manner.

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The Friends of the LA River has a Los Angeles River e-mail discussion forum. To subscribe, e-mail to la-river-discuss-subscribe@makelist.com. To view archives of past Los Angeles River discussions on the Internet, go to <http://www.egroups.com/list/la-river-discuss>

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Executive Officer Addresses Orange County Bar Association

The Executive Officer gave a brief overview of the Regional Board's San Fernando Valley Chromium VI Investigation to the Orange County Bar Association on April 5, 2001.

Santa Clara River Estuary Workgroup

Tracy Patterson

The Regional Board, in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the City of San Buenaventura, held a second workgroup meeting in Ventura on March 21, 2001. The goal of the group is to assess the information that exists in relation to the Santa Clara River Estuary, identify data gaps, and to design and implement studies that will provide the missing information. The workgroup is an outgrowth from discussions that occurred during the NPDES permit renewal in October 2000. The next meeting will be held May 2, 2001, in Ventura. For more information, please contact Tracy Patterson at (213) 576-6661.

Calleguas Creek Nutrient TMDLs Public Review and Comment Meeting

Sam Unger

On April 4, 2001, staff attended a public meeting held by the Calleguas Municipal Water District for review of the Draft Calleguas Creek Nutrient TMDL produced by Larry Walker & Associates under a grant from the U.S. EPA. Approximately 25 persons were in attendance. The draft document will be used as the basis for developing the ammonia, nitrogen, algae, and dissolved oxygen TMDLs

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Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan - Steering Committee Workshop

Deborah Smith

On March 12, 2001, a special workshop was convened for members of the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee in order to identify high priority issues for the coming year for each category of activity being included in the future Watershed Management Plan. These categories included land use, habitat/natural resources/recreation, flood protection/sedimentation, water resources/water quality, and the implementation structure for the future of this project. A list of high priority issues will be compiled by the project consultants, will be shared with the other stakeholders, and will form the basis for subcommittee work over the next year.

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Tony Rizk

The Regional Board, the County of Los Angeles, the cities of Torrance, Hawthorne, Carson, Lomita, Gardena, and Inglewood, the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, and a consortium of industrial dischargers held the third Dominguez Channel Watershed Advisory Council meeting on April 4, 2001.

The meeting focus was to finalize the procedures and protocol guidelines for the council. The council reaffirmed its commitment to develop a Dominguez Channel Watershed Area Management Plan. Staff presented the Regional Board perspective on the DCWAC and offered encouragement and agreed to include an informational item on the council at a future Board meeting. Staff provided an update on the Prop 13 funding status. Staff made a presentation on the Dominguez Channel TMDL, including the completion schedule, the 2002 water quality assessment, and answered questions. Staff offered a tentative plan to hold a TMDL development workshop later in the summer.

For more information, please contact Tony Rizk at 213-576-6756.

Los Angeles County Tax Assessor Training

Tony Rizk

At the request of the Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's Office, staff made a presentation on the

Regional Board's history, mission, regulatory framework, organization, and current issues. The presentation was part of the Tax Assessor's certification training program, and was attended by approximately 100 individuals from the Tax Assessor's office and real estate appraisers. Questions raised focused on the SUSMP, trash TMDL, chromium 6 in drinking water, and groundwater contamination in the San Fernando Valley. Staff received a letter of commendation from the Assessor's office for their presentation.

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General Waste Discharge Requirements for Disposal of Contaminated Soil

On April 5, 2001, Regional Board staff held a public workshop to discuss tentative waste discharge requirements (WDRs) which had tentatively been scheduled for consideration at the April 26, 2001 Regional Board Meeting. These tentative WDRs revised current Board Order 91-93 which regulates the disposal of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil and other wastes to Class III municipal solid waste landfills. As a result of comments received at the public workshop regarding the tentative WDRs, Board staff determined that additional time was needed to consider and respond to those comments and that revised tentative WDRs will be considered at a future Board meeting.

UST Program- Local Oversight Program (LOP)/Local Implementing Agency (LIA) Agency Meeting

David Bacharowski

On April 5, 200, the UST Program held the quarterly UST Program LOP/LIA meeting. The LOP/LIA's consists of 15 Agencies within the Los Angeles Region that implement Underground Storage Tank/Leaking Underground Storage Tank (UST/LUST) Programs. There is one LOP (Ventura County Environmental Health Department) within the Los Angeles Region. The LOP is a local governmental agency with UST/LUST Program that have entered into a contract with the SWRCB to oversee fuel leak investigation and cleanup of soil and groundwater. There are 14 LIA's (City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Burbank, El Segundo, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, Torrance, Vernon, Santa Fe Springs, Long Beach, Glendale, Pasadena, Oxnard, Ventura). These are also local governmental agencies with UST/LUST Programs that are responsible for UST permitting, leak detection monitoring, and may oversee soil assessment and cleanup. Any sites with potential groundwater impacts are referred to the Regional Board UST Program for oversight. The focus of the quarterly meeting was training provided by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Mr. Louis Roberto, on Rule No. 461- Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing.

Municipal - County of Los Angeles Permit Development Meetings and Workshop

Xavier Swamikannu

Board staff has completed a number of working-group meetings with the Permittees' Executive Advisory Committee to receive input on storm water program components for the next permit term. The first draft of the proposed new permit should be ready for public review in the near future. The Regional Board held a public workshop on April 24th, from 9:30 to 1:00, at the Mark Taper Auditorium in the City of Los Angeles Central Library. The proposed renewal schedule, workshop agenda, and all related documents, including drafts and comments, will be posted on our web page. This information can be accessed by the scrolling menu on the Regional Board home page, as well as through the Municipal button on the Storm Water page at:

www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/Stormwater/stormwater.html

Municipal - Upper Santa Clara River Storm Water Permit

Carlos Urrunaga

The City of Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles have proposed the upper Santa Clara River watershed area form a separate municipal permit. Board staff held the first working-group meeting with the City of Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works on April 17, 2001, to discuss the proposed new permit. Representatives from the County of Ventura were also invited to participate. At this meeting, the City of Santa Clara made a presentation on the differences and augmentations in the proposed municipal storm water program for the upper Santa Clara River watershed.

Municipal - Presentation on New Development Standards

Wendy Phillips/Xavier Swamikannu

On March 19, 2001, staff provided a regulatory perspective on new design standards for Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plans (SUSMPs), to the Association of Ground Water Agencies (a group of Watermasters operating in southern California). Participants were concerned over impacts to the quality of ground water, and would like to see more studies of the benefits of infiltration SUSMPs.

On April 6, 2001, staff made a presentation on new development standards to the Storm Water roundtable, which is made up of representatives from all Regional Boards and the State Board. Other Regional Boards are considering including the new development standards in municipal storm water permits they are about to issue.

Municipal - Presentation on Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit Development

Xavier Swamikannu

On April 17, 2001, staff made a presentation to the Water Resources Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on the development of a new municipal storm water permit for Los Angeles County. Staff was joined by a representative from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

Keep California Beautiful

Jon Bishop

At the request of Keep California Beautiful, staff made a presentation on the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL. The presentation was part of Keep California Beautiful board of director's meeting. The audience included representatives from the Resources Agency, CAL/EPA, and business leaders. The presentation was well received and sparked a long discussion on the need for more education on littering.

For more information, please contact Jon Bishop at 213-576-6622.

Monitoring Program for Hyperion Treatment Plant and Joint Water Pollution Control Plant

Winnie D. Jesena

On December 18, 2000, Regional Board staff called a meeting of Santa Monica Bay stakeholders with the objective to develop the monitoring program for the City of Los Angeles' Hyperion Treatment Plant (Hyperion), which NPDES permit is being processed for renewal. The consensus of the attendees was, that instead of changing only the Hyperion monitoring program, to develop comprehensive programs for both Hyperion and the County Sanitation Districts' Joint Water

Pollution Control Plant (Joint Plant) - the two largest dischargers in the region. It was also agreed to use the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project's (SCCWRP) model Monitoring Program for Publicly Owned Treatment Works guidelines and Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project's (SMBRP) assessment of monitoring needs for Santa Monica Bay in developing the programs. The group again met on January 9, 2001. It was agreed at this meeting that the two dischargers will develop their respective monitoring programs based on the model program guidelines and the SMBRP assessment and will present the programs to the group.

On March 14, 2001, a workshop was conducted at the Regional Board where representatives of the City and the Districts presented their respective monitoring programs. The programs also included provisions for participation in the Southern California Bight regional monitoring program. The programs were very well thought out. However, how each discharger applied the guidelines in the model program or the SMBRP's assessment was not clear. Therefore, it was agreed that the Districts and the City would work together and create a comparison document of the two proposed programs, indicating particularly the rationale on which the design decisions were based.

This comparative document will be distributed to the members of the group two weeks before the next meeting, which is on May 3, 2001.

During the workshop, it was the consensus of the attendees to separate, and eventually transfer, monitoring for public health protection, i.e., shoreline monitoring, to the storm water program and/or the beach program (AB 411). It was also agreed that the City and the Districts would look into the storm water monitoring program and comment on the program.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Staff attends Basin Plan Training Workshop

Melinda Becker

Several staff members attended a training session conducted by the State Water Resources Control Board's Department of Water Quality Planning (DWQ) on March 9, 2001, in Riverside, California. Keynote speakers included Paul Lillebo, Joanna Jensen, Joanne Cox, and Greg Frantz from DWQ. In addition, video taped presentations from Michael McNamer, from the Office of Administrative Law, and Sheila Vassey, Office of the Chief Counsel, were viewed and discussed. The session provided detailed guidance on preparing an administrative record, including checklists and case histories. Regional Board staff was applauded for their work on the San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL, which was presented as an example administrative record. The training was first provided January 2001, in Sacramento. All full-time staffers have now completed the Basin Plan training, with the exception of the unit's newest members, who joined in April. For more information contact Melinda Becker at (213) 576-6681.

Water Quality Goals Training

Melinda Becker

Dr. Jon B. Marshack, from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, presented two, 4-hour training sessions on Water Quality Goals, on Friday, March 30, 2001. Approximately 80 Regional Board staff members attended. The course included a description of the basis for water quality goals in California, differences between federal criteria and water quality standards in California, guidelines for selecting numeric limits, and a review of how to use the "Compilation of

Water Quality Goals" document and related data bases. Dr. Marshack has approximately 20 years of experience in basin planning at the Central Valley Region. For more information, contact Melinda Becker (213) 576-6681.

Bioassessment Training

Tracy Patterson

Jim Harrington, of the Sustainable Land Stewardship International Institute, and also of California Department of Fish and Game, provided bioassessment training in Calabasas, March 14-18, 2001, to a group of approximately 20 Regional Board staff and representatives of other agencies and environmental groups. Regional Board staff attended from the Regional Programs Section. Bioassessment has become a very useful tool in conjunction with chemical and toxicity water quality testing. This five-day training provided emphasis on Introduction to Ecological Assessments, Design of Freshwater Ecological Assessments, Sampling Biotic Communities Using the CSBP, Physical Habitat Assessment for Water Quality Projects, Taxonomic Identification of Freshwater Invertebrates, Insuring Quality Data, and Interpretation of Information from Freshwater Ecological Assessments. For more information, please contact Tracy Patterson at (213) 576-6661.

Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program Roundtable

Tracy Patterson

The State Board, Regional Boards, and California Department of Fish and Game participated in the monthly roundtable in Sacramento on April 2, 2001, to help coordinate the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Approximately 20 persons attended this meeting. A topic of the roundtable was the "Proposal for a Comprehensive Ambient Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program Report," which the Governor recently released to the Legislature. The report was prepared by the State Water Resources Control Board and represents the efforts of the above mentioned agencies and the Public Advisory Group. The program will address all hydrologic units of the State using: consistent and objective monitoring, sampling, and analytical methods; consistent data quality assurance protocols; and centralized data management. For more information, please contact Tracy Patterson at (213) 576-6661.

US EPA Environmental Technology Verification Program, Advanced Monitoring Systems Center, Water Stakeholder Committee Meeting

Tracy Patterson

Regional Board staff were invited to attend the Advanced Monitoring Systems Pilot meeting in Pacific Grove on March 25 -26, 2001, to learn about the Environmental Technology Verification Program (ETV) and to provide feedback in relation to the Regional Boards' environmental monitoring needs. Approximately 35 persons were in attendance. ETV verifies commercial-ready, private sector technologies through 12 pilots. For more information, please contact Tracy Patterson at (213) 576-6661.

Construction -NPDES Compliance Training for Construction Sites

Ejigu Solomon

On April 4th and 5th, Storm Water staff invited Hossain Kazemi, Section Leader of the Field Inspection/Response Team, at Region 2 (San Francisco Bay Regional Board) and a renowned construction site NPDES Compliance expert, to conduct the NPDES training for Construction Sites. The training included an in-house seminar for 20 local agency inspectors covering Ventura County and 20 Regional Board staff, followed by a day of field training where attendance totaled about 80 people.

The training helped both local agency inspectors and Regional Board staff become aware of the latest best management practices for construction sites, and trained them to help the regulated communities comply with storm water regulations.

Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

Rebecca Chou

On April 3, 2001, Dr. Julio Salinas from the Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) conducted a workshop for Regional Board staff. The topic of the workshop was "The Risk Assessment and Risk Management Interface". Currently, OEHHA assists the Regional Board in reviewing risk assessment documents. Dr. Salinas discussed what is involved in the risk assessment process, how to plan for one, and what Regional Board staff can do to streamline the process. Attendees included technical staff from the SLIC Units and SLIC Program Managers from other Regional Boards.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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